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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Wells, et al.

Appl. No. : Unknown (This is a Divisional Application of U.S. Serial No. 09/105,372)

Filed : Herewith

For : METHODS FOR RAPIDLY IDENTIFYING SMALL ORGANIC MOLECULE LIGANDS FOR BINDING TO BIOLOGICAL TARGET MOLECULES

Examiner : Unknown

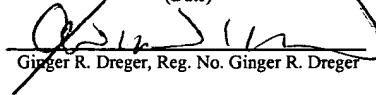
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The present Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with the filing of a divisional application of application Serial No. 09/105,372 filed on June 26, 1998. In connection with application Serial No. 09/105,372 a Notice of Allowance was mailed on July 18, 2001 but the issue fee has not yet been paid.

Kindly amend this application in the following aspects:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

--40. A method of identifying a small, non-oligomeric, soluble, synthetic organic ligand

less than 500 daltons in size, that binds covalently to a chemically reactive group at a site of